

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312.

Upon entry of the present paper, claim 35 will have been amended to correct an obvious error in claim dependency. In particular, claim 35 have been amended to depend from independent claim 18 and not previously canceled independent claim 1. Please note that claim 18 incorporates changes made in the Examiner's amendment that has already been entered and which accompanied the Notice of Allowance mailed April 6, 2010. Claims 18-35 remain pending in the application and allowed.

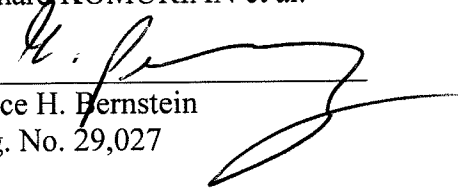
Applicants submit that entry of the present claim amendment is appropriate because it does not require additional search or consideration by the Examiner, since it is not believed that this amendment introduces new matter, but rather is clerical in nature. The amendment does not require more than a cursory review of the record, and the amendment does not involve materially added work on the part of the Office.

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowability, mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 6, 2010, and to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached thereto, Applicants wish to clarify the record with respect to the basis for the patentability of claims in the present application. In this regard, while Applicants do not disagree with the Examiner's indication of allowability, Applicants submit that each of the claims in the present application recite a combination of features, and that the basis for patentability of each of these claims is based on the combination of features recited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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